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Claim 3 (amended). Masking strip according to Claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the adhesive tape (1) is 15-75 mm wide[, especially 19-30 mm wide].

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Claim 4 (amended). Masking strip according to Claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the paper support (2) is creped, stretchable and flexible and has good paint adhesion, and the entire adhesive tape (1) has a thickness of 100-250  $\mu\text{m}$ [, especially 130-200  $\mu\text{m}$ ].

Claim 5 (amended). Masking strip according to Claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the masking paper (5) is an unbleached kraft paper of 30-40  $\text{g/m}^2$  and a width of [especially] 15-50 cm[, very especially 20-40 cm].

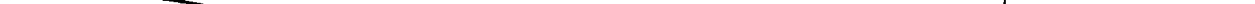
Claim 6 (amended). Masking strip according to Claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the masking film (6) is a polyolefin film 7-40[, especially 8-20]  $\mu\text{m}$  thick, [especially of polyolefin, especially polyethylene, and especially] which is corona pretreated, [whose width amounts especially to] and is 0.5-2 m wide.

Claim 7 (amended). Masking strip according to Claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the masking film (6) is folded [extensibly, especially] according to the dimensions of the masking paper (5) and is folded against the latter accordion-wise.

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A hand-drawn sketch of a landscape. On the left, there are several trees and a small building. A river flows from the left towards the right. The background is a simple horizon line.

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This preliminary amendment is being filed to conform the claims to conventional format.